

Response Under 37 CFR 1.116
Expedited Procedure
Examining Group 1754
Application No. 09/855,107
Amdt. dated January 21, 2004
Reply to Office Action of October 22, 2003
Attorney Docket No. 1217-010689

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-26 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 14 and 16 have been cancelled. Claims 3-5, 8 and 9 have been amended to depend from claim 2. Support for the amendments can be found in the original claims.

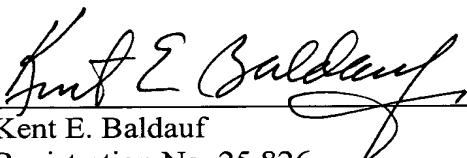
In the Office Action dated October 22, 2003, the Examiner allowed claims 2, 6, 13, 14 and 16. By way of this amendment, claim 1 has been cancelled and claims 3-5, 8 and 9 have been amended to depend from allowed claim 2. Claims 14 and 16 have been cancelled to eliminate redundancies. As all claims now depend from allowed claim 2, the claims are in form for allowance.

In view of the foregoing remarks, the present application is in condition for allowance and allowance of claims 2-13, 15, and 17-26 is respectfully requested.

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